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**EUROPEAN
TRANSPORT
CONFERENCE**
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2025

CALL FOR PAPERS

17 - 19 SEPTEMBER 2025
UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP,
BELGIUM

EUROPEAN TRANSPORT CONFERENCE 2025:

Ten years from now, in 2035, sale of petrol and diesel cars in Europe will end. This measure was adopted by governments as a step towards a carbon neutral transport system in 2050. At the same time, there is increasing opposition to climate policies, both among the public and in some political parties, that are having more and more electoral success. In addition, transport policy makers also need to deal with the loss of tax revenue from petrol and diesel sales, requiring a complete re-form of car taxation.

These are just two of the numerous challenges transport planners have to deal with, pushing and pulling them in different directions. Apart from the climate emergency, there are the tight economic reality, changing global relations, emerging new technologies and growing expectations to provide for many different needs. However, what aims should be front and central and on how to achieve them, is increasingly debated.

This complex situation requires transport professionals to provide a reliable evidence base, nuanced analyses of the challenges and a variety of solutions for current and future generations, in order to support decision making. Cooperation between research, policy and practice, exchange of knowledge and experiences and the application of state-of-the-art methods are crucial to achieve this.

Join us at the 53rd European Transport Conference in Antwerp in 2025. Together we explore the developments and challenges ahead, engage in discussion, share ideas, learn lessons and exchange solutions to develop effective policy, service and infrastructure interventions. Doing so, as a profession we will be better able to get people and goods to get where they need to be, in a sustainable, inclusive, efficient and affordable manner, with the support of the public and the stakeholders in the industry.



ETC: OUR SCOPE AND REACH

The conference attracts transport policy makers, practitioners and researchers from all over Europe and beyond. At ETC, they can find in-depth presentations and discussions on policy issues, best practice in delivery and research findings across the broad spectrum of transport.

The range of topics covered by our multi-stream format makes ETC the most wide-ranging and in-depth among European transport conferences, and it has established itself as the premier event of its type.

The conference programme covers local, regional, national and supranational issues, and the definition, planning and delivery of solutions at all levels and for all modes.

Sessions at the Conference can be challenging in discussing matters of policy at the highest level through to the finest detail. They provide good knowledge-sharing and the opportunity to hear from subject-matter experts on a face-to-face basis – it is truly a conference for professionals of all levels of experience.

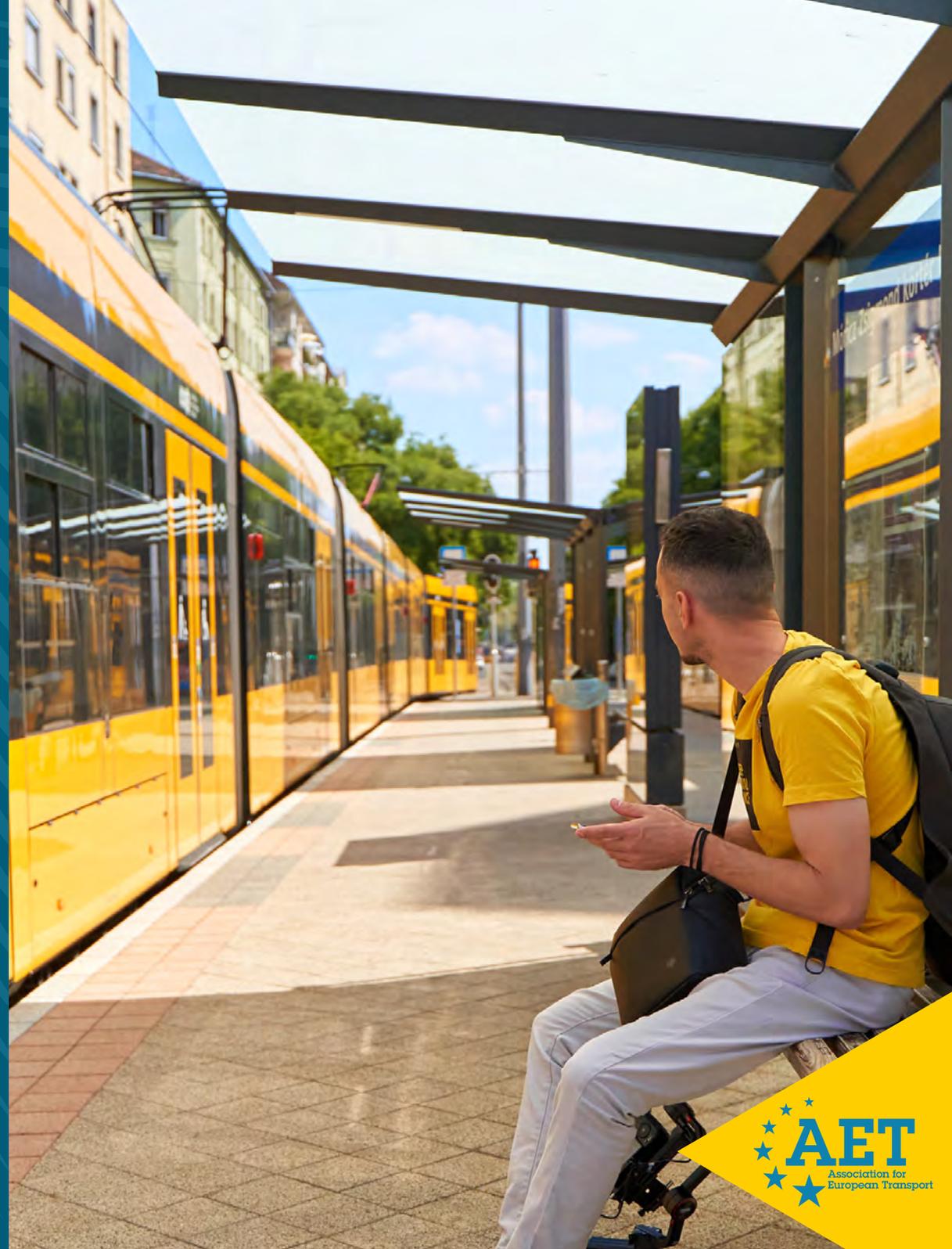
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CONFERENCE THEMES

We are looking for contributions that address relevant themes for the transport policy agenda in Europe and worldwide – from a research, policy or practice angle.

- Moving towards sustainable transport in a polarised world.
- Providing access and transport in times of financial challenges.
- Building adaptability and resilience into transport systems and decision making.
- Utilising technology, Artificial Intelligence and digital twins to improve transport systems and transport research.
- Dealing with labour, resource, infrastructure and energy challenges in freight and passenger transport.
- Creating healthy, efficient, safe and inclusive transport schemes for current and future generations.
- Shaping functional and comfortable cities providing necessary access for all ages and capabilities.
- Expanding the 21st century planners toolkit with fit for purpose models and decision support systems.



PROGRAMME COMMITTEES

The twelve Programme Committees shape the conference programme and consist of Association of European Transport members from a broad range of technical specialities and professional sectors.

They help identify key themes, assist with the assessment of submitted abstracts and compose a balanced three-day programme. In addition to the general conference themes, each Programme Committee also publishes their own Calls for Abstracts in January.

The Programme Committees in place for ETC 2025 are listed opposite and you can find more information about each one on the [AET website](#).

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Global Trends Impacting Transport



Planning for Sustainable Land Use & Transport



Transport Models



System Thinking



Aviation



Data



Transport Economics, Finance and Appraisal



Intelligent Mobility – Management and Operations



Local Public Transport



Rail Policy and Planning



Freight and Logistics



Young Researchers and Practitioners Forum

YOUNG RESEARCHERS & PRACTITIONERS FORUM

ETC is a place for transport practitioners of all levels and length of experience to come together; it plays an important role in inviting the talent of the future into the dialogue of today.

An integral element of the Conference is the Young Researchers and Practitioners Forum. We welcome young participants and offer additional assistance where required to help you present your paper.

ETC is an ideal platform for you to make those first steps in the dissemination of projects and papers to a wide audience. We support the full participation of younger professionals in the conference's mainstream seminars and wider events programme.

More about [YRPF](#) [here](#).



*Pictured below: Marco Sala from NET Engineering Srl.
Winner of the Neil Mansfield Award at ETC 2024.*



PRESENTING OUR ETC 2024 AWARD WINNERS

ETC is the home of three awards:

- **Neil Mansfield Award** for the best paper from a sole author aged 35 or under. The Award is administered by the Young Researchers' and Practitioners' Forum.
- **Jacobs Data Award** for the paper showing the most innovative use of data in transport policy, practice or research.
- **Goudappel Land-Use / Transportation Award** for the best paper presented in the Planning for Sustainable Land Use and Transport seminar stream.

Discover more details about [our awards](#).

AET welcomes ideas and sponsors for further awards. Please contact:
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Joseph Fenwick,
Jacobs Award Winner 2024



SHOWCASING YOUR PRODUCTS, SERVICES, PROJECTS & RESEARCH

Sponsor and Exhibitor Opportunities

ETC is a great opportunity to show Europe's transport planners, policy makers and academic researchers the expert services, specialist software and other products that you offer to help them work more effectively and with greater efficiency.

Want to find out more? Visit our [website](#) or contact Sabrina Winter at: sabrina.winter@aetransport.org



Co-Hosted Meetings and Project Dissemination

Do you need to disseminate the results of your research project or policy demonstrator to your collaboration team or a wider audience? Or hold your project inception, final results, or annual progress and planning meeting?

With so many of Europe's transport professionals together in one place already, ETC is the ideal opportunity to host your meeting.

Let us provide the practical arrangements while you focus on the collaboration content.

To find out more, contact Sabrina Winter at: sabrina.winter@aetransport.org

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT FOR PRESENTATION AT ETC 2025

Abstract Submission: We invite you to submit an abstract based on one of the Conference Themes in this Call for Papers, or the individual calls from the Programme Committees that will be available in January 2025. Abstracts are submitted via our website. For more information on the abstract submission criteria and guidance of preparing your abstract, please visit: www.aetransport.org.

Conditions for submission: By submitting an abstract you commit yourself to being able to present your work on one of the conference days. Please note that we receive more abstracts than we can accommodate in the final programme so selection is not guaranteed.

Paper repository: The repository of ETC past papers is a valuable resource of the Association and is an important source of information for transport planners, researchers and engineers worldwide. Speakers are strongly encouraged to write and submit a full paper to be added to the repository.

Special sessions: We are also open to proposals for special sessions or workshops. Please contact us for more information at: aetransport.events@aetransport.org

Peer review: Papers presented at the conference can be submitted for peer review and publication online, or in a special issue of a transport journal. Please visit the [AET website](#) for more information on the peer review process and criteria.

Papers and presentations: More information on writing a conference paper, our requested paper format and guidelines for presenting at our conference can be found on our website. For questions about the abstract submission or programme process, please contact: aetransport.events@aetransport.org



KEY DATES

Submission of abstracts period 6 January – 7 February

**Notification of abstract acceptance to submitters
20 May – 23 May**

Speakers confirm participation 26 May – 6 June

**Speakers conference booking deadline 30 June
(later by agreement)**

**Uploading of presentation slides by presenters
9 September**

Conference in Antwerp 17 – 19 September

**Papers uploaded for publication and peer review
31 October**

ETC: DATES, PLACE AND LANGUAGE

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NB: No online attendance or presentation; this is an in-venue conference.

Conference Language: The language of the conference is English and all presentations will be made in English.

Speakers and delegates are advised that it is necessary to have a good standard of spoken English to make a presentation, and helpful as a delegate in order for you to take full advantage of the conference.

Delegate Fees: Everyone who attends the Conference pays the appropriate fee for one, two or three days; this includes speakers and Programme Committee members. Members of the Association for European Transport receive discounts on their delegate fees according to their membership category.

The following discounts will also be available:

- **Young professionals under 26 yrs old or less than 5 years' professional experience** - 50% discount on the applicable fee.
- **Full Time Students** - only £112.50 / €135 + VAT* for three days. Proof of student status will be required.
- **Discounts for delegates from certain countries** - More details on the AET website from Jan' 2025

The proposed delegate fees* per day for ETC 2025 are:

AET Individual member £325 / EUR 390

AET Organisation member £300 / EUR 360

Non-member £375 / EUR 435

There are reductions for speakers and delegates booking before 30th June, for countries with lower GDP per head, and for two and three day bookings.

- Individual and Academic bookings: please contact aetransport.events@aetransport.org
- Corporate and Governmental organisations: please contact sabrina.winter@aetransport.org

* Rates subject to amendment during 2025 and to VAT at the prevailing rate; to be confirmed on 1st April 2025.

